

## September 2007 Meeting—Draft Minutes

### California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)



Date	September 20, 2007
Time	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location	Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, 1001 I Street (Corner of 10th and I streets), Conference Room 230
Lead	Ed Wong
Note takers	Nita Davidson
Facilitator	None
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<b>Please bring your own beverage and make your own copies!</b>	

### Attendance

#### CEEIN Members

Ed Wong, ARB (Lead for this meeting)  
 Lana McAllister, CEC  
 Annie Kohut Frankel, Coastal Commission  
 Chris Graillat, CEC  
 Crystal Harden, CDE  
 Becky Williams, CIWMB  
 Bobbi Winn, DFG  
 Susan Knadle, OEHHA  
 Kay Antuñez, Cal Fire  
 Carolyn Tucker, DWR  
 Nita Davidson, DPR

Donna Pozzi, State Parks  
**Conference Call-in**  
 Hedda Jowza, US EPA Region 9  
Tina Muncie, Conservation  
**Guests, City of Roseville**  
 Bob Garrison  
 Mark Murphy  
**Student Assistants, ARB**  
 Justin Coldiron  
 Anna Portnoy  
 Shiloh Hepper

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1.	<b>Check in and catch up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> <li>Review Agenda</li> <li>Approve August 2007 Minutes</li> <li>Update Outstanding Action Items</li> </ul>	Ed	9:30– 9:40	The minutes were reviewed and approved, pending minor corrections.
2.	<b>Guest Speakers</b> Mr. Bob Garrison Utility Exploration Center Supervisor Roseville Utility Exploration Center  Mr. Mark Murphy Media Mahany Complex		9:40– 10:10	<p>Bob described the educational goals, design, and programs of the Roseville Utility Exploration Center (RUEC or Center), which is part of Roseville's Mahany Park, a regional park that also includes a library, media center, and sport complex. The Center is a collaborative effort of Roseville's Environmental Utilities (water, wastewater, and refuse), its Parks &amp; Recreation Department, and Roseville Electric. Once completed, the Center will have meeting rooms and 4,000 square feet of exhibit space.</p> <p>The interactive exhibits, programs, and workshops focus on water and energy conservation, recycling, and waste reduction. Tours of the Center will be open to all school groups—emphasizing grades 4 through 6—and the general public. Schools will be charged a nominal fee; walk-in visitors are free. As for links to California content standards, the Center hired Ned Zimmerman, a Minnesota-based curriculum specialist (Creative Matter) to compile three teaching units.</p> <p>In 2009, the Center will complete a large, outdoor exhibit adjacent to a protective green area, providing visual examples of environmental principles.</p> <p>The Center is part of a healthy mind, body, environment initiative and is Roseville's first LEED-certified building</p>

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				<p>constructed of recycled materials such as cork and glass. The building cost \$16 million, and the Center will have an annual budget of \$300,000.</p> <p>Three schools are within walking distance to the Center, all with great parent involvement. The Center will depend on volunteers to make up its Tech Team (a.k.a. docents).</p> <p>See  <a href="http://www.roseville.ca.us/electric/roseville_utility_exploration_center.asp">http://www.roseville.ca.us/electric/roseville_utility_exploration_center.asp</a></p> <p><b>Three events of note...</b>  <b>Grand opening: January 27, 2008</b>  Roseville Utility Exploration Center/ Mahany Park  1501 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville  916.746.1550</p> <p><b>Teachers' Reception:</b> February 5, 2008; 4:00–7:00</p> <p><b>Earth Day: April 19, 2008.</b> Will show environmental films, have lab demonstrations, and hold indoor and outdoor workshops.</p>
3.	<b>Committee Reports &amp; Discussion</b> <b>Diversity</b> Disney Environmental Challenge	Kay	10:10–10:40	<p><b>Diversity:</b> Discussion about participation at the March 6–8, 2008 conference for the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) in San José. Kay says that Cal Fire will rent two spaces, may involve CREEC and Disney. Please let her know if your agency is interested in attending. Carolyn mentioned that DWR will have a CEEIN booth at CSTA and will share it with DTSC.</p> <p><b>Disney Environmental Challenge:</b> The Web site link is <a href="http://disney.go.com/environmentality/dec/index.html">http://disney.go.com/environmentality/dec/index.html</a></p>
4.	<b>Miscellaneous Topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate change education Web site</li> <li>Speaker for October meeting</li> <li>Cal/EPA colleague to help schedule 2008 meetings</li> </ul>	Chris   Chris Ed	10:40–11:05	<p>See <a href="http://www.globalwarmingcalifornia.net">http://www.globalwarmingcalifornia.net</a> and <a href="http://www.climatechangeeducation.org">http://www.climatechangeeducation.org</a>. This is an effort to build a portal site for all of California. The Web sites are run by volunteer effort, especially that of Jim Callahan, a Bay Area environmental scientist. Possibly invite him to speak at a CEEIN meeting?</p> <p>Art Sussman will be our October speaker.</p> <p><b>Please help!</b></p>
5.	<b>What's New In Your World?</b>	All	11:05–11:10	<p><b>Lana:</b> The 2008 energy use calendar will be available in November or December.</p> <p><b>Annie:</b> The 23rd Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day was a big success. Over 50,000 volunteers participated. About 800,000 pounds of trash was collected.</p> <p>The Whale Tail Grants Program is accepting proposals through December 7. The program, which distributes funds from sales of Whale Tail license plates, funds grants that teach California's children and the general public to value and take action to improve the health of the state's marine and coastal resources.</p> <p>Entries for the 2008 Coastal Art &amp; Poetry Contest are being accepted through January 31, 2008. For details, see <a href="http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/poster/poster.html">http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/poster/poster.html</a>.</p> <p><b>Chris:</b> Buy compact fluorescent light bulbs!</p> <p><b>Crystal:</b> Two new regional CREEC coordinators just started</p>

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				<p>Plans are underway for the 2008 CREEC conference. CDE is now coordinating Environmentalty with Disney and working with CREEC coordinators.</p> <p><b>Donna:</b> The California Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (a group of private and public organizations) wrote a Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights (ten things children should be able to do; e.g., <i>Every kid has the right to splash in clean water</i>), which was made into an official proclamation by the Governor. The Bill of Rights has received a lot of publicity and is strongly promoted by Clint Eastwood. See <a href="http://www.calroundtable.org/cobor.htm">http://www.calroundtable.org/cobor.htm</a>.</p> <p><b>Becky:</b> Attended a meeting on Sept. 18 to discuss the 2007–08 DEC agreements. These were stalled at CIWMB until the budget was passed. Becky will e-mail us with the different contracting options.</p> <p>Kindergarten and 6th grade EEI units in review and soon to be posted on the EEI Web site.</p> <p><b>Kay:</b> Announced that conservationist and educator Rudy Schafer, the father of several environmental education programs in California, passed away. Rudy was instrumental in starting Project Learning Tree, Project WET and Project WILD. Kay attributes CEEIN's inception to Rudy. In the Sacramento Bee obituary that ran on Sept 18, Kay said, "Rudy changed the way the environment is taught, from a study of methodology to getting students to think about their role and relationship with the environment. He engaged young learners to become aware of their surroundings."</p> <p><b>Bobbi:</b> The Salmon Festival for schools is October 12. The community-wide salmon fests are the weekend of October 13–14. Bobbi helped with a workshop in Rohnert Park for AmeriCorps volunteers who are mentors for academically challenged students at Santa Rosa USD.</p> <p><b>Carolyn:</b> Has been busy with outreach at the State Fair, Seafood Festival in Pittsburg, Salmon Festival in Oroville, and more! We all commiserated about the new DGS printing policy. DWR must initiate an interagency agreement when other agencies have their name imprinted on documents or trinkets.</p> <p><b>Tina:</b> Her branch has reorganized, losing the education section. Everyone in the new branch, now called the Statewide Technical Assistance and Resources Branch, will be responsible for education efforts in their area. Within the branch, a new CRC section is comparable to the continuing Comprehensive Recycling Community Project. They're hiring seven new people for that section, Kathy Strickley among them. They're selecting four new cities for the 2008–09 CRC Project, while winding down activities in the Monterey area. Tina is still managing databases, reporting, and offering technical assistance, but will do so for the entire branch, and will still be part of the CRC Project Core Team.</p>
	<b>Meeting Wrap-Up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify Action Items</li> <li>Pending Items/Parking Lot</li> <li>Develop October Meeting Agenda</li> </ul>	Ed	11:10–11:20	<p><b>Action Items:</b> Chris is going to see if Dr. Art is available for the November 15 meeting.</p>

Meeting Protocol Agreements:

- Start and end meetings on time; stay on track on agenda.
- Listen and treat others' opinions with respect.
- Keep commitments to agreements and assignments (i.e., follow-up, time frames, due dates).
- Make participation in the meeting your priority; keep cell phones on vibrate and only accept emergency calls (outside the meeting room).
- A quorum of 11 CEEIN Members is needed to hold a meeting.
- For major decisions, if consensus can't be reached, the issue will be put to a vote of the CEEIN members present at the following meeting.
- Make a conscious effort to conduct the meeting in an environmentally friendly manner.